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Interview Summary

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| All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel): |
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| Date of Interview Dec 18, 2001 |
| Type: a) ☑ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative] |
| Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No. If yes, brief description: |
| Claim(s) discussed: All (in general) Identification of prior art discussed: Lavin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,020,281) |
| Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A. Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: (1) The refrigerant environment of the Lavin et al system was discussed. |
| (2) The examiner pointed out that claim 7, as well as its dependent claims 8 and 16-19, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of parent claim 1, and if further amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection contained in the previous Office action. |
| (A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.) i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked). |
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